



TO: Ohio Health Care Association, Academy of Senior Health Sciences, and LeadingAge Ohio

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SUBJECT: UPDATE Private Room On-Site Inspections and Rule Update

Beginning next week, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will be conducting on-site inspections of select nursing facilities in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section (ORC) 5165.158. The purpose of the inspection is to verify that nursing facilities' private room(s) meet the requirements set forth in ORC Sections 5165.01 and 5165.158.

The inspections will proceed as follows:

- Two ODM staff will conduct each inspection.
- Notification of the on-site inspection will be e-mailed to each facility to be inspected to the person who submitted the private room application at least 4-5 days in advance of the inspection.
- The notification will include an approximate time ODM staff should arrive at the facility.

ODM will request each nursing facility to inform residents and staff of the inspection prior to ODM's arrival and to have a staff member familiar with the private room application available at the time of the inspection to escort ODM staff around the facility and to answer questions.

Ohio Administrative Code 5160-3-16.3, the nursing facility private room rule, has a tentative effective date of September 9, 2024. Once the rule is effective, ODM will proceed to process private room applications.

One additional reminder: While processing applications will commence on or after September 9, Revised Code section 5165.158 provides that the Department can pay the total per Medicaid day payment rate for nursing facility services provided in private rooms on or after the date six months following the approval date by CMS, which is December 18, 2024.